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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA--ITEM 76, SELF-DETERMINATION

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1. SUMMARY. THE RESOLUTION ON SELF-DETERMINATION, ITEM 76, WAS ADOPTED IN PLENARY NOV 30 BY A VOTE OF 109-4(US)-24. THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT TO DELETE CONDEMNATION OF NATO COUNTRIES WAS DEFEATED, AS IT WAS IN THIRD COMMITTEE, BUT GAINED INCREASED THIRD WORLD SUPPORT. NATO MEMBERS WILL MAKE INCREASED EFFORTS AT NEXT YEAR'S GA TO COMBAT ANTI-NATO LANGUAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPLETED ACTION NOV 30 ON ITEM 76, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND OF THE SPEEDY GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES FOR THE EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN DOCUMENT A/31/291 WAS ADOPTED 109-4(US)-24.

3. VOTING "NO" WERE: FRANCE, GRENADA, UK AND THE US. ABSTAINING: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,  
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CANADA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRG, GUATEMALA,

HAITI, IRELAND, ICELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PARAGUAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN, AND URUGUAY. ABSENT: CAPE VERDE, CAR, HONDURAS, ISRAEL, MALTA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SEYCHELLES, AND SOUTH AFRICA. ALL OTHERS VOTED "YES".

4. THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT TO DELETE CONDEMNATION OF NATO COUNTRIES FOR MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WAS RE-INTRODUCED IN PLENARY (A/31/L.19). IN ADDITION TO THE EIGHT ORIGINAL COSPONSORS (BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, UK, US), THE BELGIANS WERE ABLE TO ENLIST NORWAY, DENMARK, ICELAND, AND PORTUGAL AS COSPONSORS. EXTENSIVE LOCAL LOBBYING EFFORTS BY BELGIUM AND THE COSPONSORS LED TO A GREATER NUMBER OF "YES" VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS BUT THE AMENDMENT WAS AGAIN DEFEATED. THE VOTE IN PLENARY WAS 28(US)65-42; THE VOTE IN THIRD COMMITTEE WAS 21(US)-72-36. NATO MEMBERS AND ALLIES WERE ENCOURAGED BY THESE RESULTS AND HAVE INFORMALLY AGREED TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT AT THE NEXT GA. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS THE FACT THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES SAW FIT TO ABSTAIN ON THE NATO ISSUE, A POSITION WHICH IS DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ADOPT ON A RESOLUTION DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

5. THOSE VOTING "YES" ON THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT WERE: AFGHANISTAN (POSSIBLY AN ERROR), BELGIUM, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, FIJI, FRANCE, FRG, GREECE, GRENADA, HAITI, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY, LEBANON, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NIGER (LATER PUBLICLY RETRACTED IN PLENARY), NORWAY, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SPAIN, TURKEY, US, UK AND URUGUAY. CHILE, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY CHANGED FROM AN ABSTENTION IN THIRD COMMITTEE TO A "YES" VOTE, UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO SUPPORT FROM THE US, FRANCE, AND FRG ON THE CHILE RESOLUTION.

ISRAEL AND HONDURAS WHO VOTED "YES" IN THIRD COMMITTEE WERE ABSENT.  
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THOSE ABSTAINING: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BHUTAN, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BURMA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND, GAMBIA, GUATEMALA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, LIBERIA, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA (THE NIGERIAN DELEGATE ADMITTED

THAT THIS WAS A MISTAKE), PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PAPUA  
NEW GUINEA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGA-  
PORE, SURINAM, SWEDEN, THAILAND, VENEZUELA, ZAIRE.

THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE  
IN THE VOTE.

ABSENT: CAPE VERDE, CAR, GABON, HONDURAS, ISRAEL,  
MALTA, SEYCHELLES, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, AND SOUTH  
AFRICA.

ALL OTHERS VOTED "NO".  
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